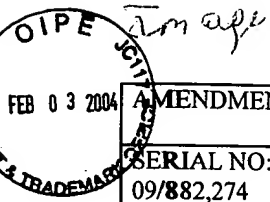


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER		CLIENT-MATTER NO.: 66733-023 (P-RD 4806)	
SERIAL NO: 09/882,274	FILING DATE: June 15, 2001	EXAMINER: F. Lu	GROUP ART UNIT: 1634 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7878
INVENTION: USE OF PHOSPHOROTHIOLATE POLYNUCLEOTIDES IN LIGATING NUCLEIC ACIDS			

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2003, in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claims fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claims fee is required and has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	NUMBER AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENTED		RATE			FEE	
						SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	-	56	-	0	x \$9	\$18	=	\$	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7	-	10	-	0	x \$42	\$84	=	\$	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM										
			YES		XX NO	\$140	\$280	=	\$	\$0.00
						TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$	\$0.00

* If the "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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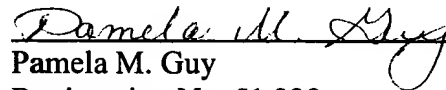
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- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 502624 the amount of \$_____, \$ of which covers the fee for a _____-month extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502624. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 502624 any fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
November 3, 2003, entry of the following amendments and remarks
is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of "Current Status of Claims" that begins of page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the claims are presented with markings
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